

# Transfer Entropy reconstruction of neuronal networks from calcium imaging data

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**networks**

**reconstruction**

**data**

**Why now?**

# BIG DATA

**We are recording more data than ever before  
Probably more than we can analyse**

**Economics**

**Climate research**

**High energy physics**



**GOOGLE™**

**Generating huge amounts of data  
Some of it publicly available  
Leading to new patterns and emerging behaviours**

**reconstruction**

**networks**

**data**

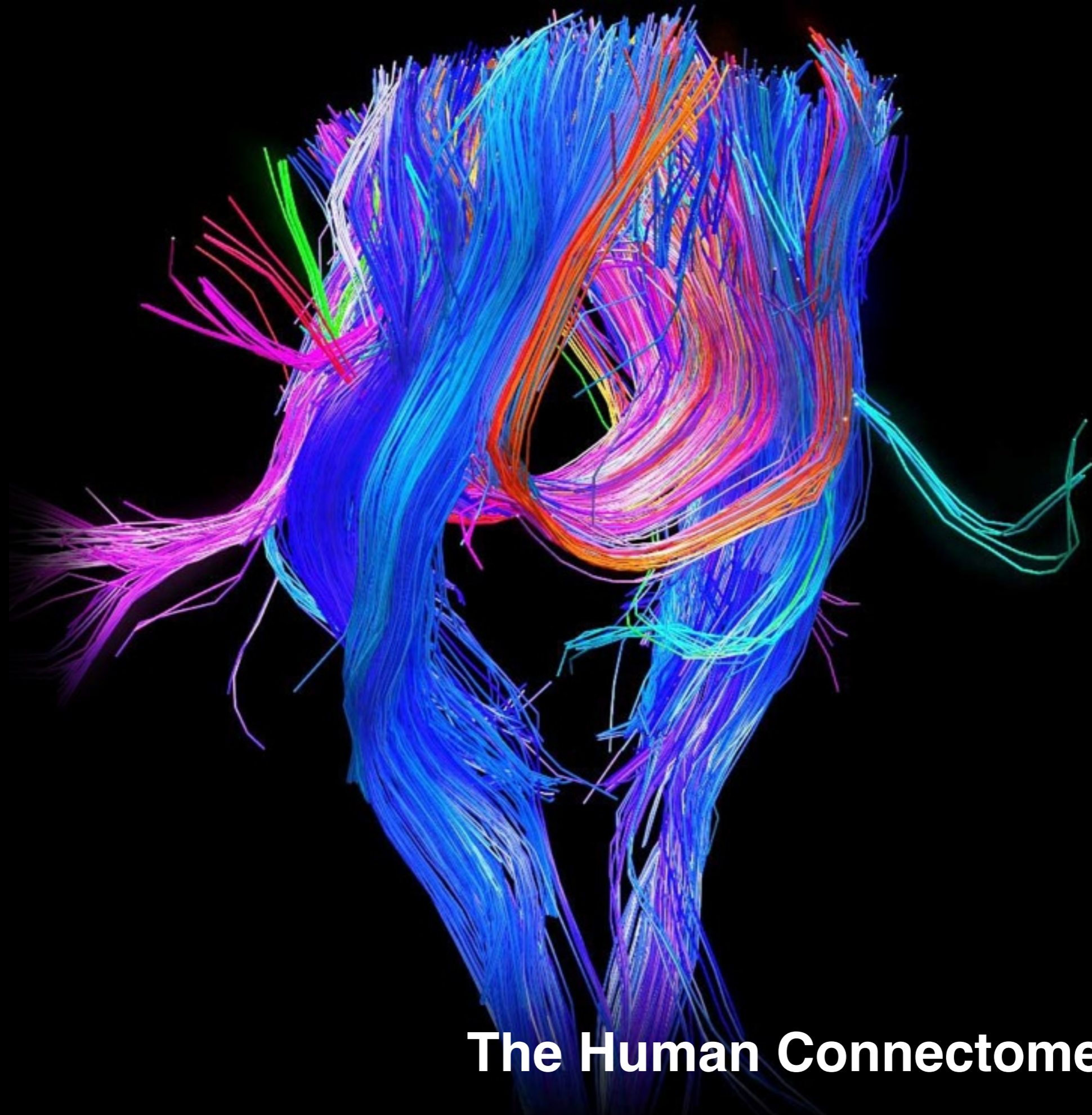
# 2013

**THE BLUE BRAIN PROJECT EPFL**

THE BRAIN INITIATIVE<sup>SM</sup>

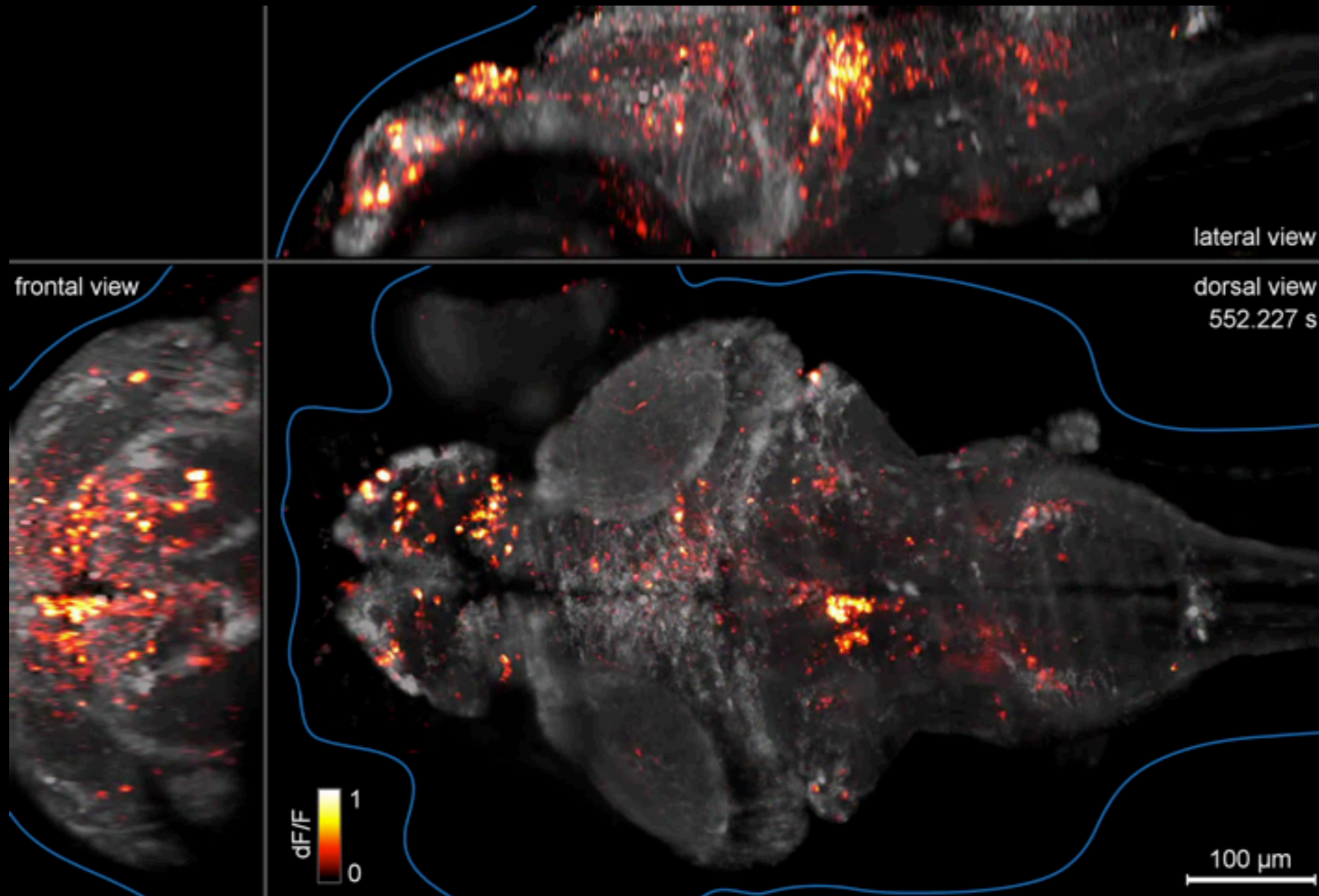


**neuroscience is in everyone's mind**



**The Human Connectome Project**

# Whole-brain functional imaging



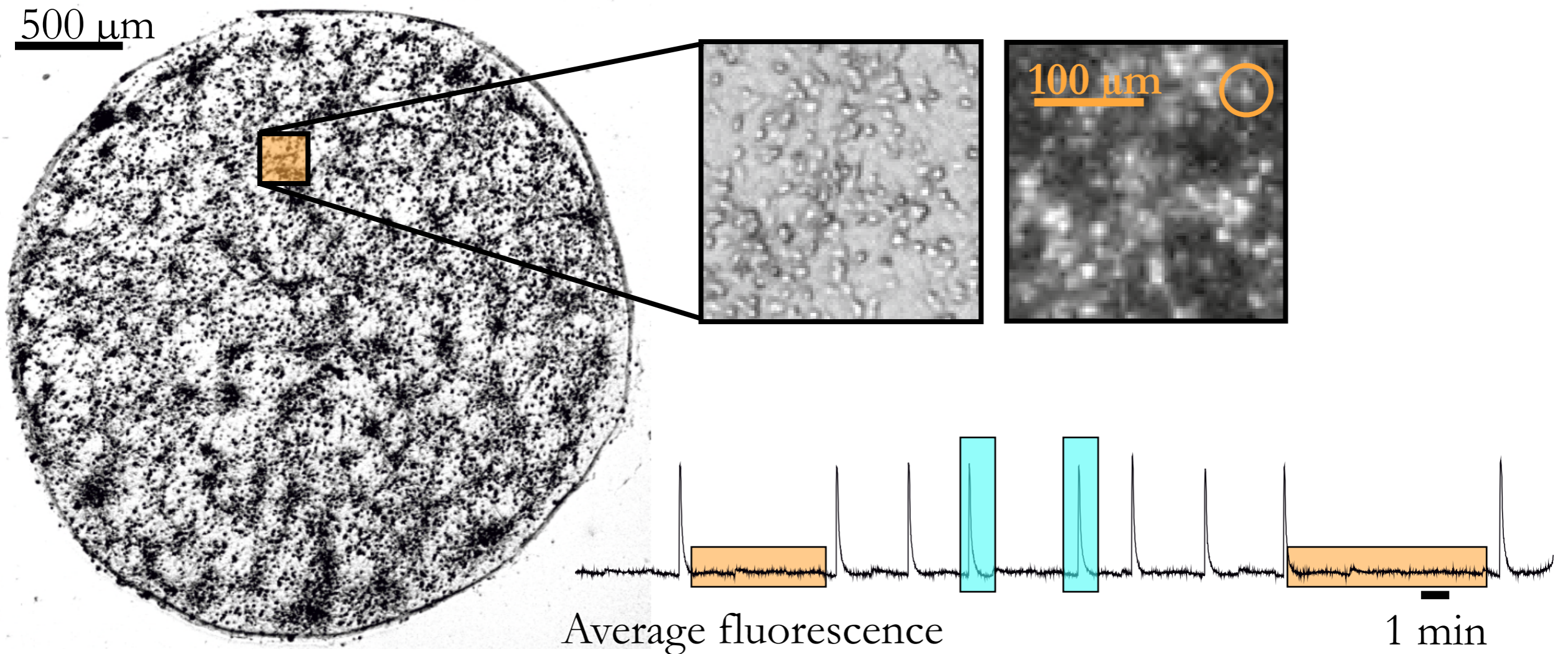
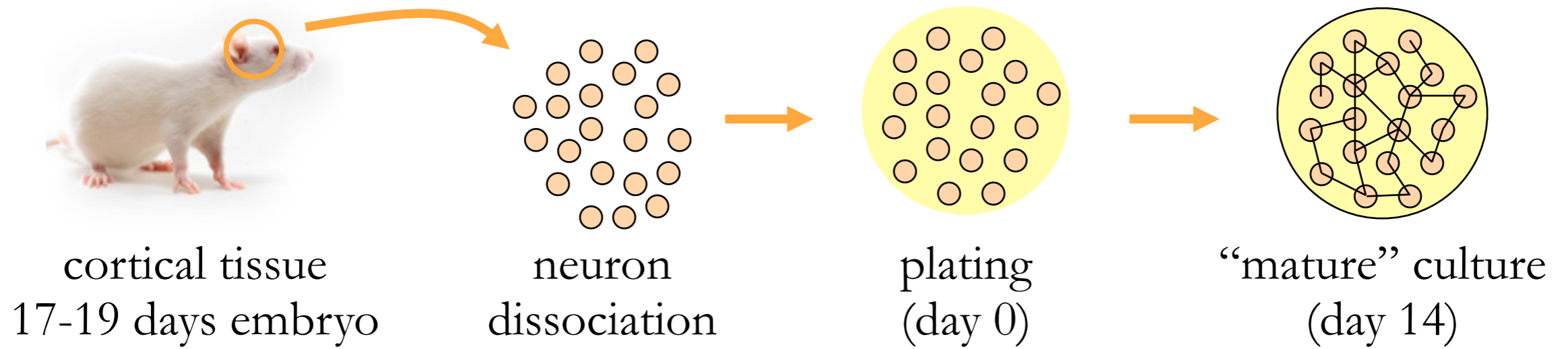


# **reconstruction of neuronal networks from imaging data**

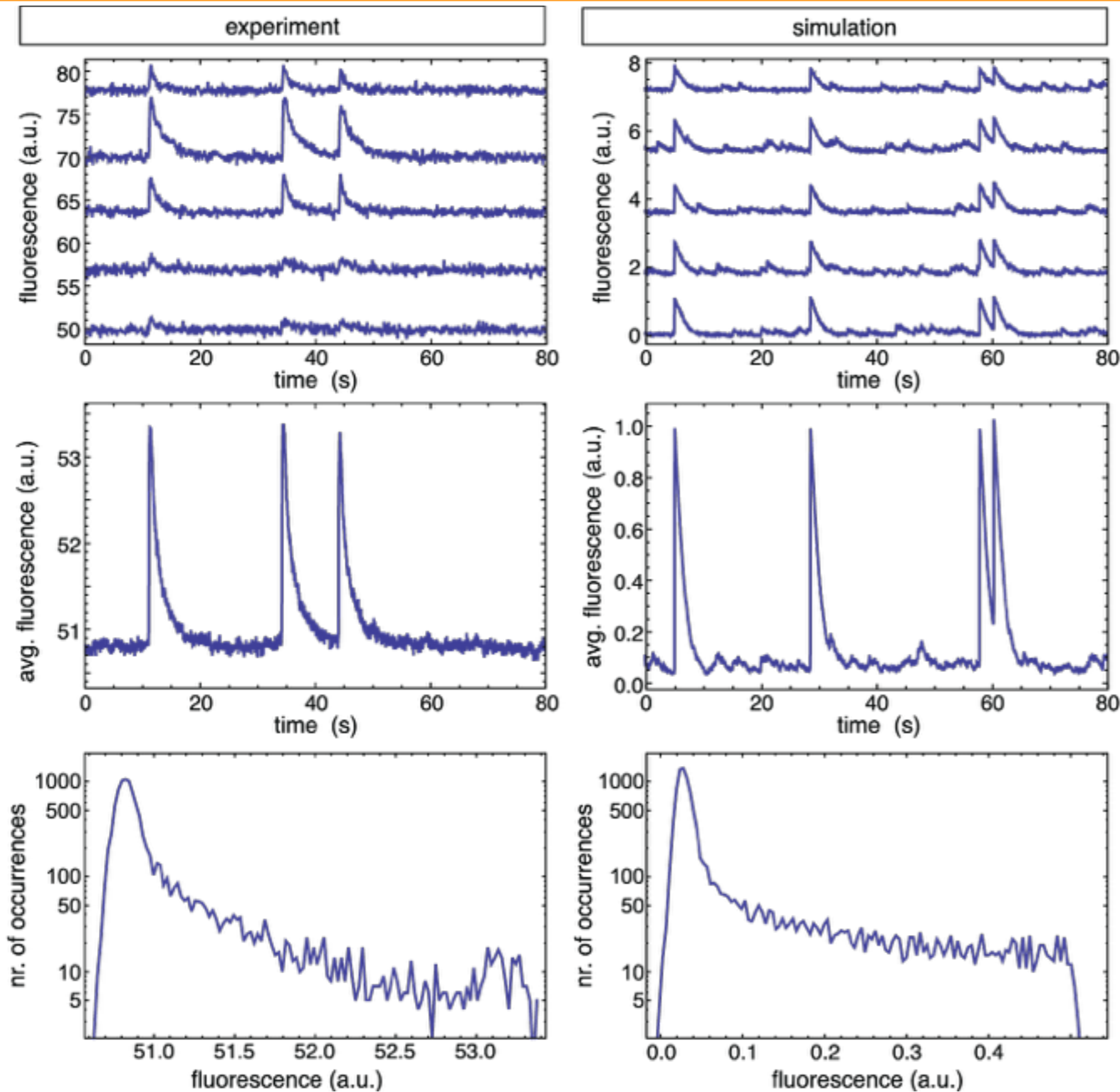
**We still need to build (more) models and tools to infer connectivity in neuroscience**

**Well controlled experimental setup: Neuronal Cultures**

# Neuronal Cultures



# Population and single cell activity



## Model

Integrate and fire neurons  
(only excitatory)

Short term synaptic depression

Clustered and/or local  
connectivity

Calcium dynamics

Light Scattering effects

# Transfer Entropy

$$TE_{J \rightarrow I} = \sum p(i_{n+1}, i_n^{(k)}, j_n^{(l)}) \log \frac{p(i_{n+1} | i_n^{(k)}, j_n^{(l)})}{p(i_{n+1} | i_n^{(k)})}$$

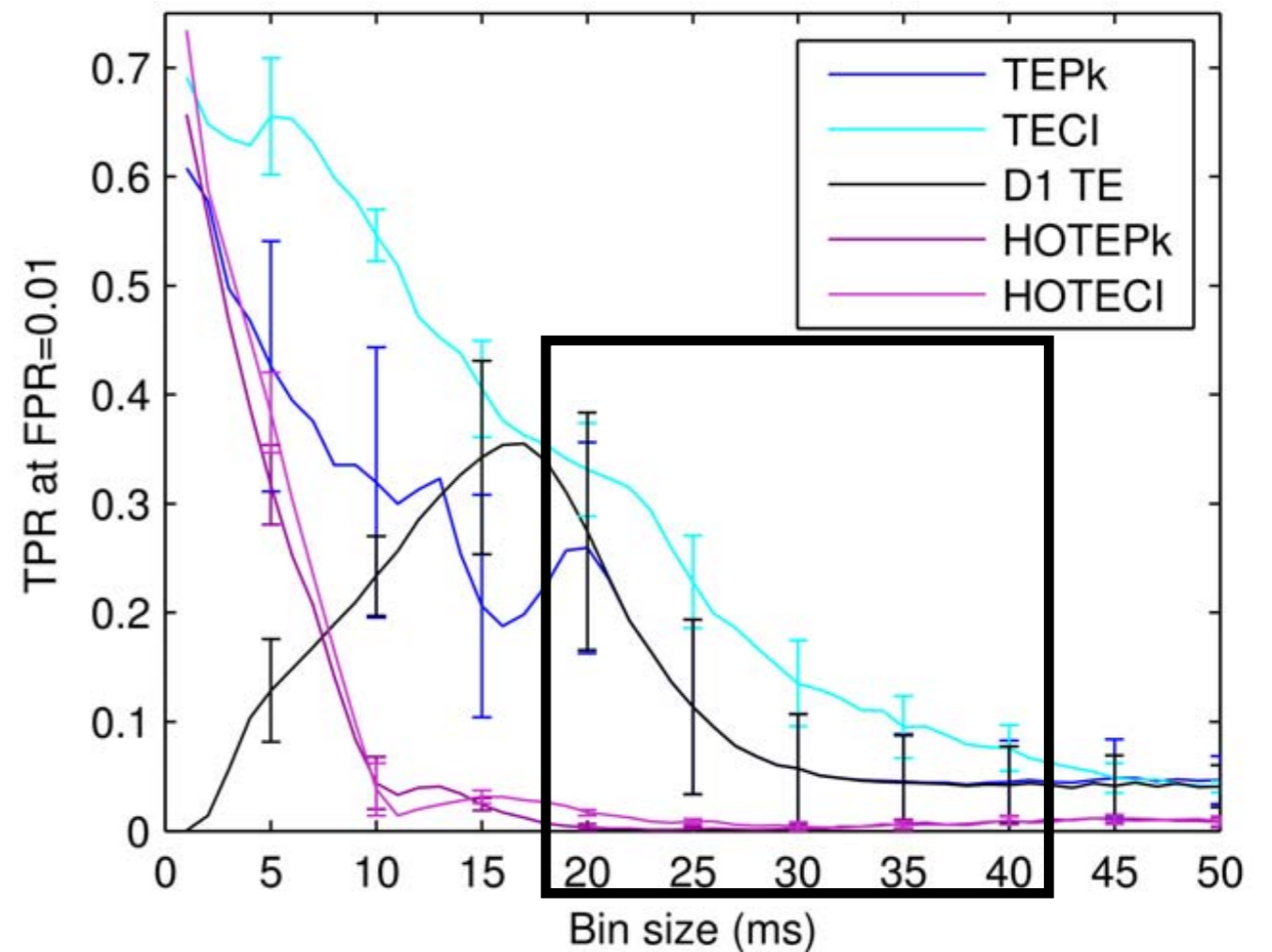
Schreiber, PRL 2000

**From J. Beggs' talk yesterday...**

Non-bursting regime  
Spiking data  
Bin size dependence

**Now**

Bursts  
Fluorescence data  
Low temporal resolution



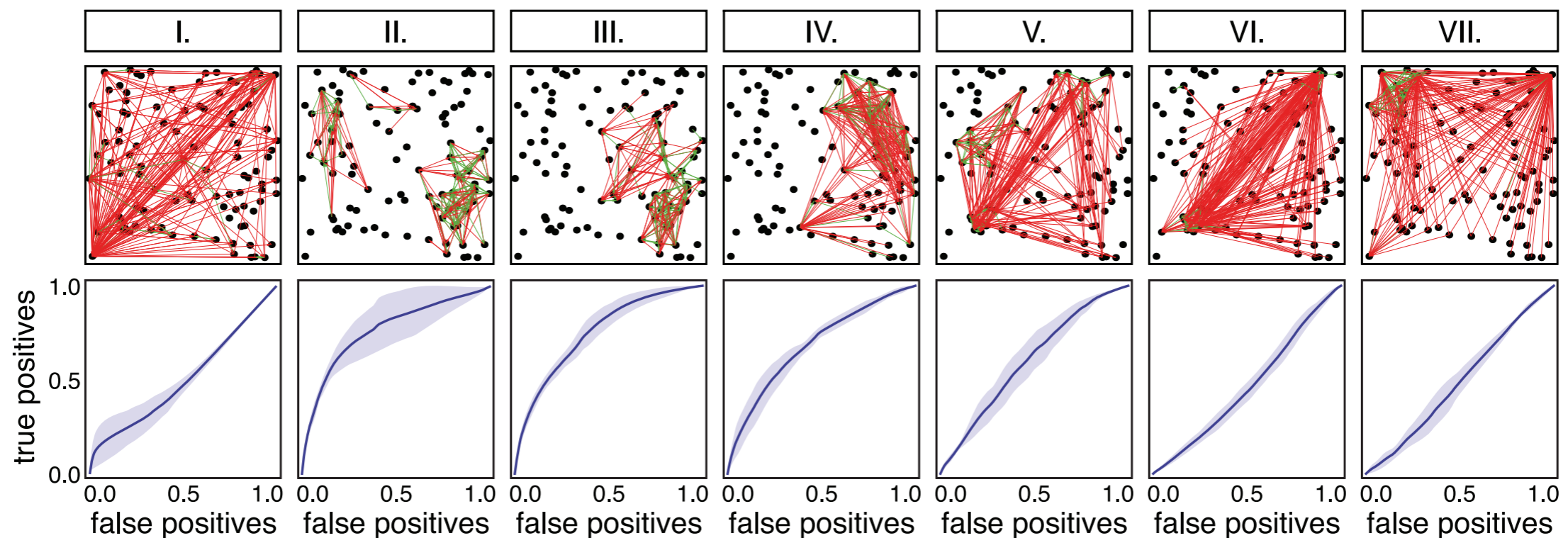
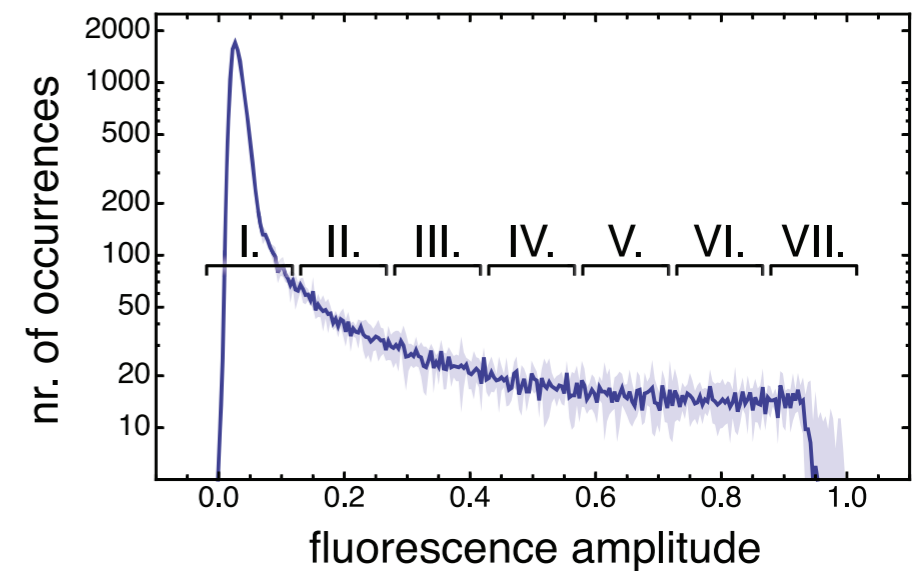
Ito et al, PLOS ONE 2011

# Generalizing Transfer Entropy

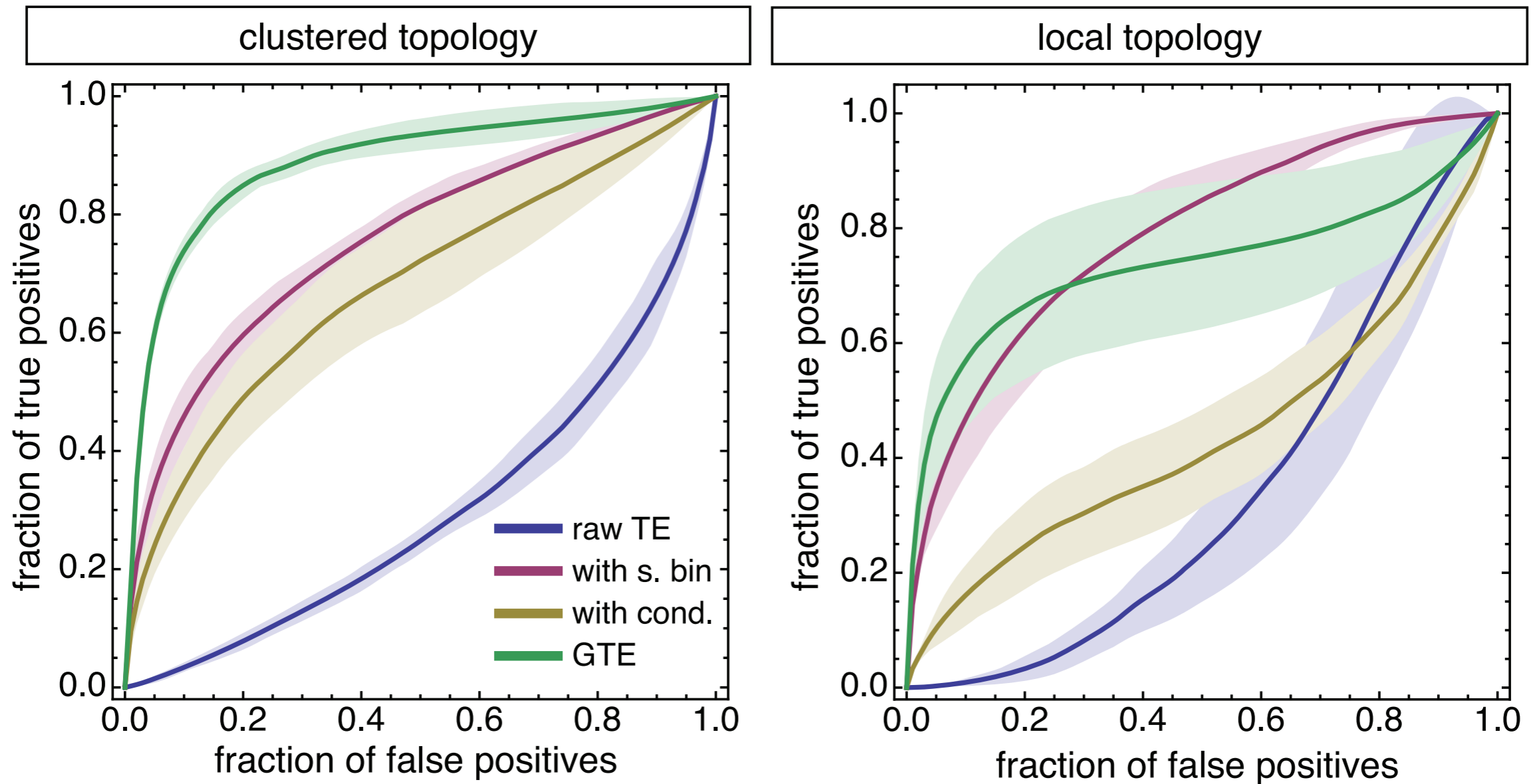
$$GTE_{J \rightarrow I} = \sum p(i_{n+1}, i_n^{(k)}, j_{n+1}^{(l)} | g_{n+1} \in S) \log \frac{p(i_{n+1} | i_n^{(k)}, j_{n+1}^{(l)}, g_{n+1} \in S)}{p(i_{n+1} | i_n^{(k)}, g_{n+1} \in S)}$$

Conditioning on the global population  
(state selection)

Same-bin (instantaneous) interactions



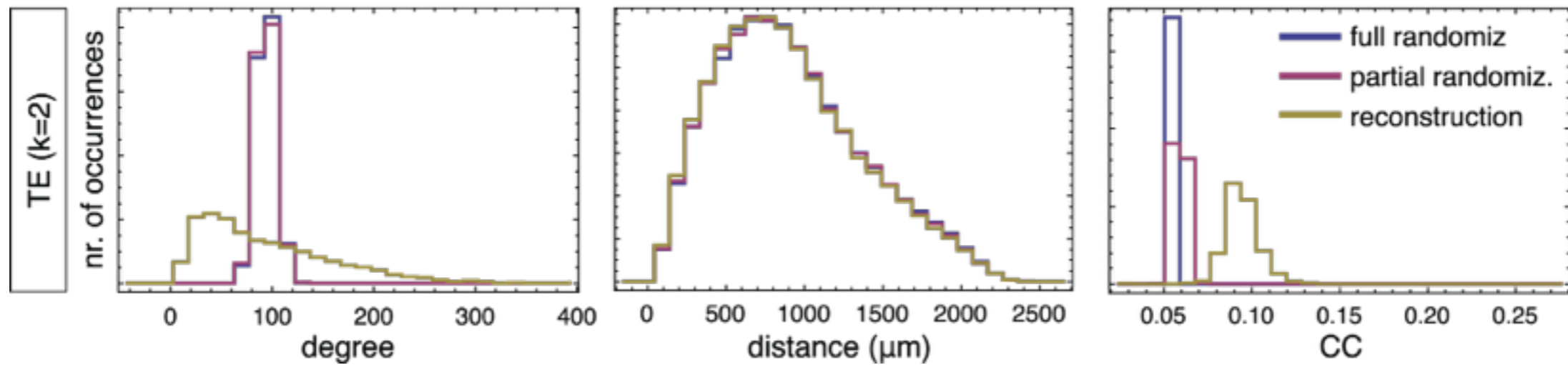
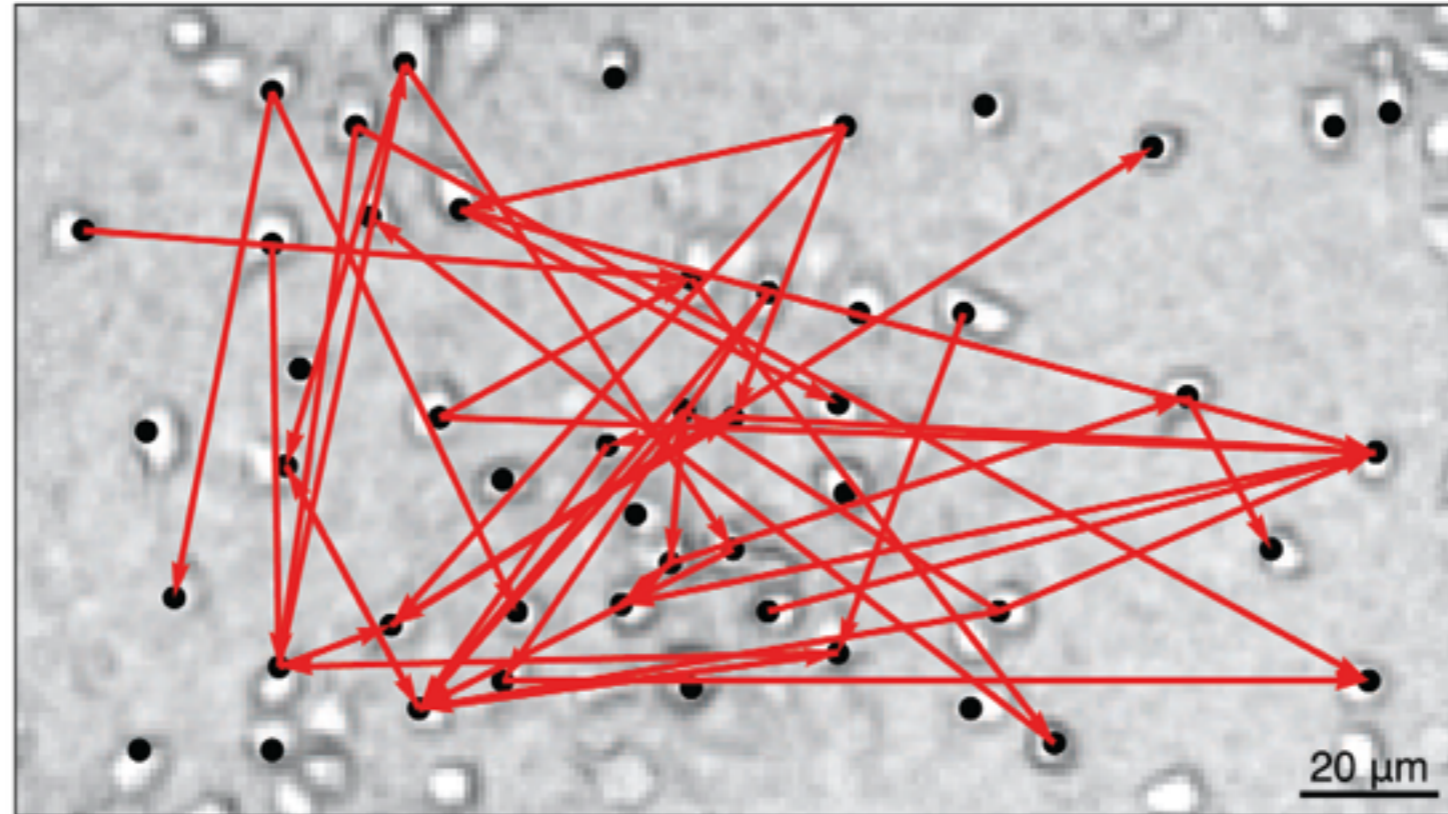
# Improvements on raw TE



Stetter et al, PLOS Comput Biol 2012

After many more (statistical) tests... check with the experiments

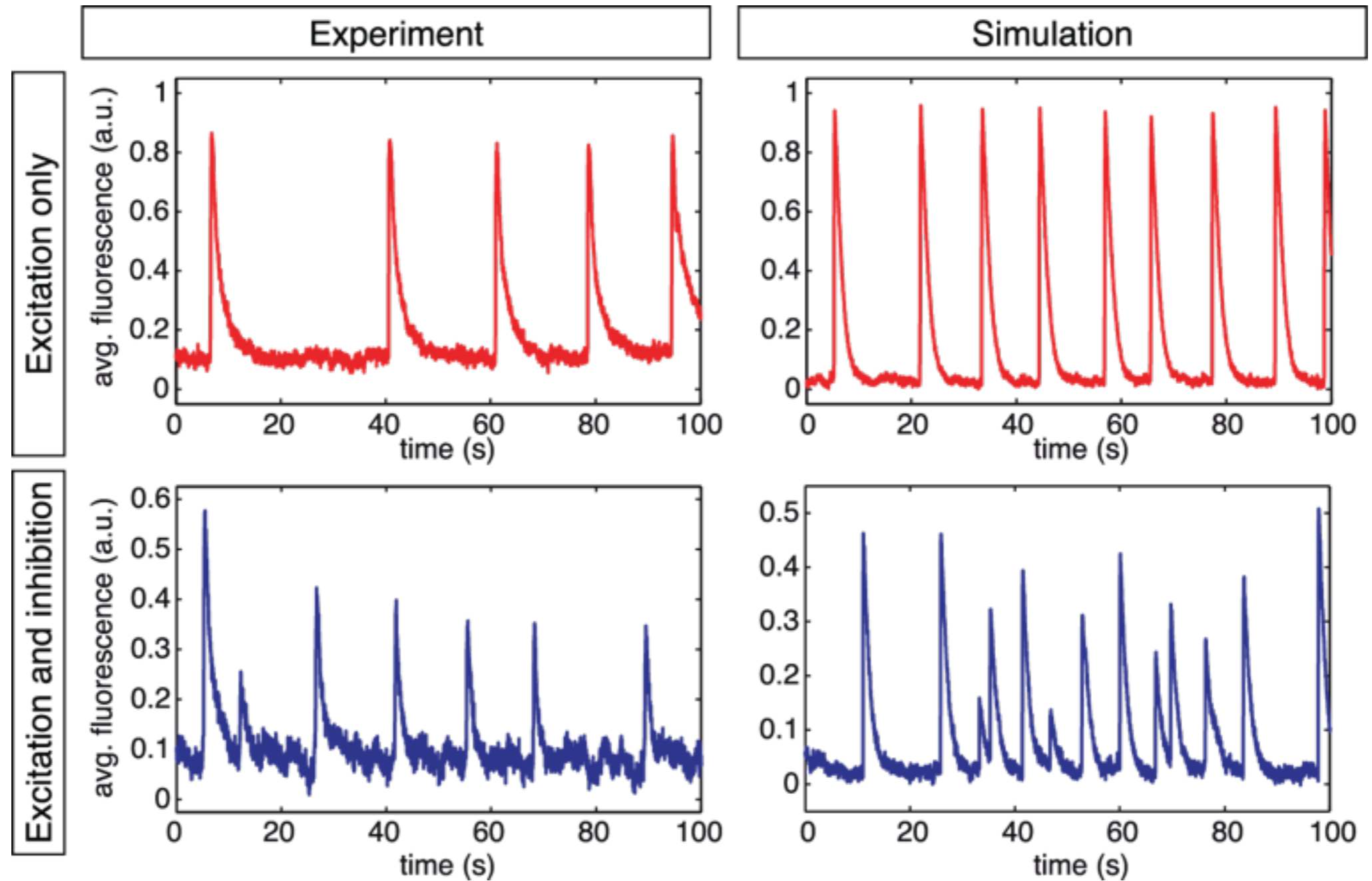
# Reconstruction on experimental data



Stetter et al, PLOS Comput Biol 2012

We are still missing the “truth”

# What about inhibition?

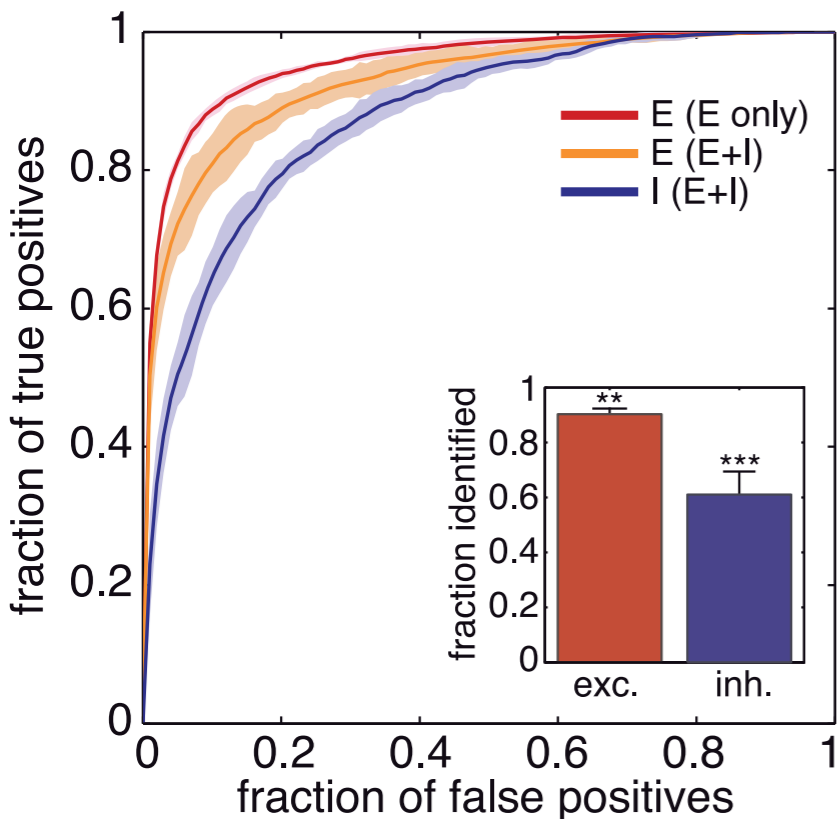
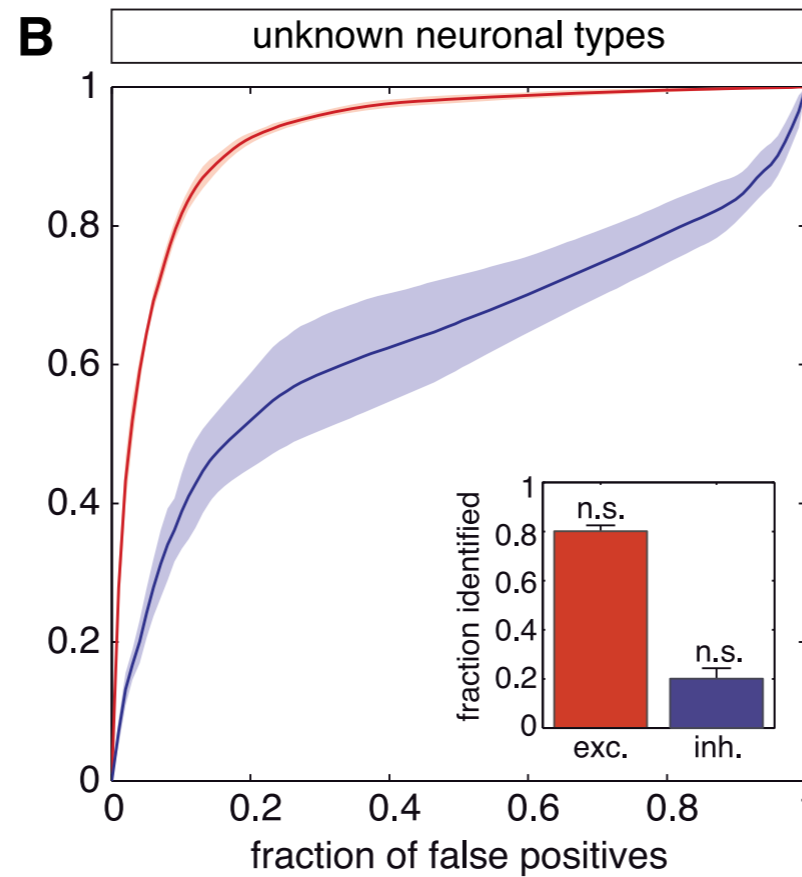
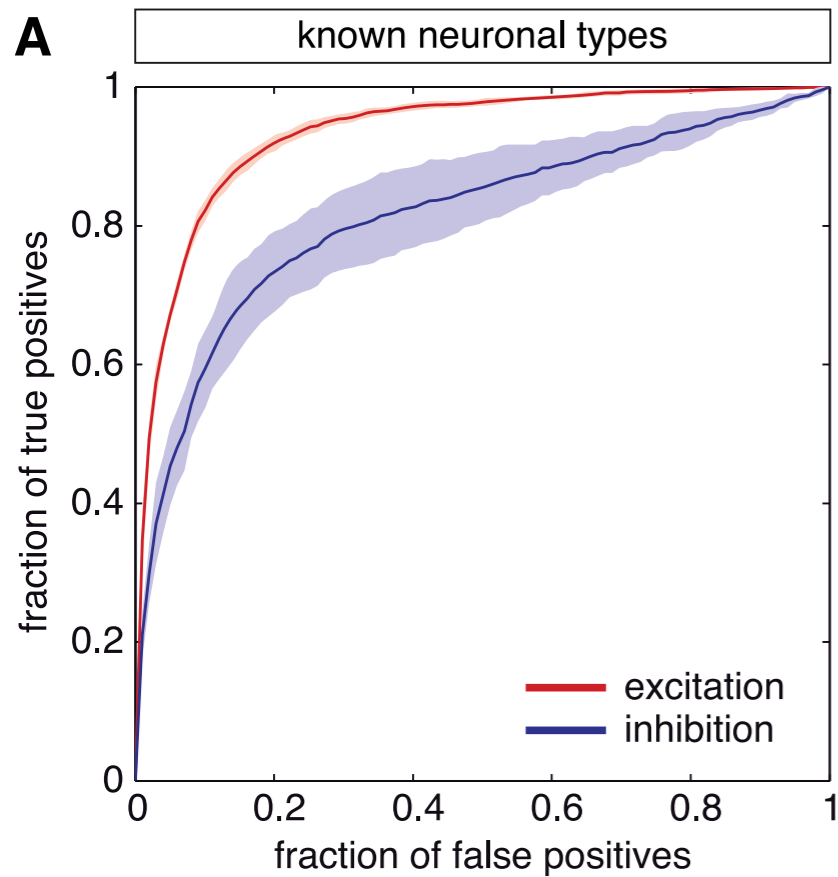


Orlandi et al, PLOS ONE 2014

I should talk about this...  
I won't (very short)



# What about inhibition?



Orlandi et al, PLOS ONE 2014

If you have prior knowledge of neuronal type you can still do something...

Otherwise you have to be creative (combine different recordings and stimulation protocols)

# Yesterday....

**From M. Eichler's talk...**

Be very wary about using single methods...

What to use in practice?

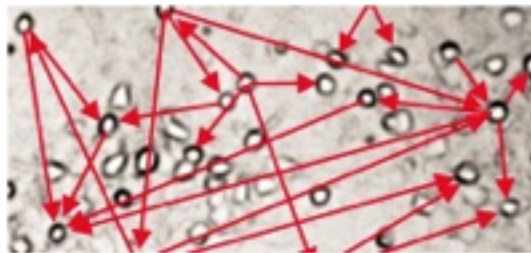
For causal inference... all and more

# A different approach



Challenges in Machine Learning (collaborative competitions)

A screenshot of the Kaggle website showing the 'CONNECTOMICS' competition page. The browser address bar shows 'https://www.kaggle.com/c/connectomics/'. The page header includes the Kaggle logo, navigation links for 'Customer Solutions', 'Competitions', and 'Community', and user information for 'Javier G. Orlandi' with a 'Logout' button. The main content area features a competition banner for 'CONNECTOMICS' with a 'Finished' status. The banner includes the start date 'Wednesday, February 5, 2014', the prize pool '\$3,000 • 144 teams', and the end date 'Monday, May 5, 2014'. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links for 'Competition Details', 'Get the Data', and 'Make a submission'. The main text of the competition description reads: 'Reconstruct the wiring between neurons from fluorescence imaging of neural activity'. A paragraph below explains the importance of understanding brain structure for research on epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, and other neuropathologies, noting that the brain contains nearly 100 billion neurons. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Dashboard' menu with links for 'Home', 'Data', 'Make a submission', 'Information', and 'Forum'.



## CONNECTOMICS

Finished

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

\$3,000 • 144 teams

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### Dashboard

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## Reconstruct the wiring between neurons from fluorescence imaging of neural activity

Understanding the brain structure and some of its disease alterations is key to research on the treatment of epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, and other neuropathologies, as well as understanding the general function of the brain and its learning capabilities. The brain contains nearly 100 billion neurons with an average

# First connectomics challenge

https://www.kaggle.com/c/connectomics/data

Deep CNN for Time Series Correlation Measurement  
28 days ago

Fast Matlab code to get a score of .93985  
30 days ago

1 4 4 teams

1 8 5 players

1 4 5 9 entries

## What's in the data?

Validation and test data include time series of activities of neurons "extracted" from simulated calcium fluorescence imaging data. The neurons are arranged on a flat surface simulating a neural culture and you get the coordinates of each neuron. The model takes into account light scattering effects. [[Learn more...](#)]

For "training" data, the network connectivity is also provided.

## What am I predicting?

The network connectivity for the validation (valid) and test data.

## How do I get started?

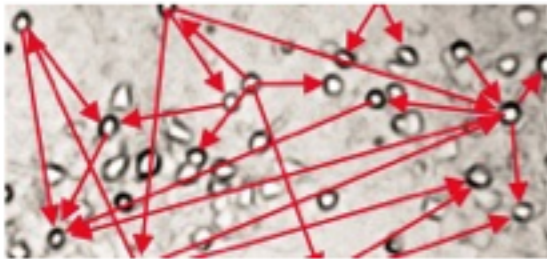
We provide a [sample submission](#) corresponding to the Correlation benchmark, [sample code](#) and [tutorial material](#). See also our [frequently asked questions](#).

## File types

- **"fluorescence" files (type F):** These are the time series of neural activities obtained from fluorescence signals. The neurons are in columns and the rows are time ordered samples. The signals are sampled at 20ms intervals.
- **"networkPosition" files (type P):** Each row represents a neuron. First column = X position; second column = Y position. The neurons span a 1mm<sup>2</sup> square area.

# AUC-based scoring

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/connectomics/leaderboard/private>



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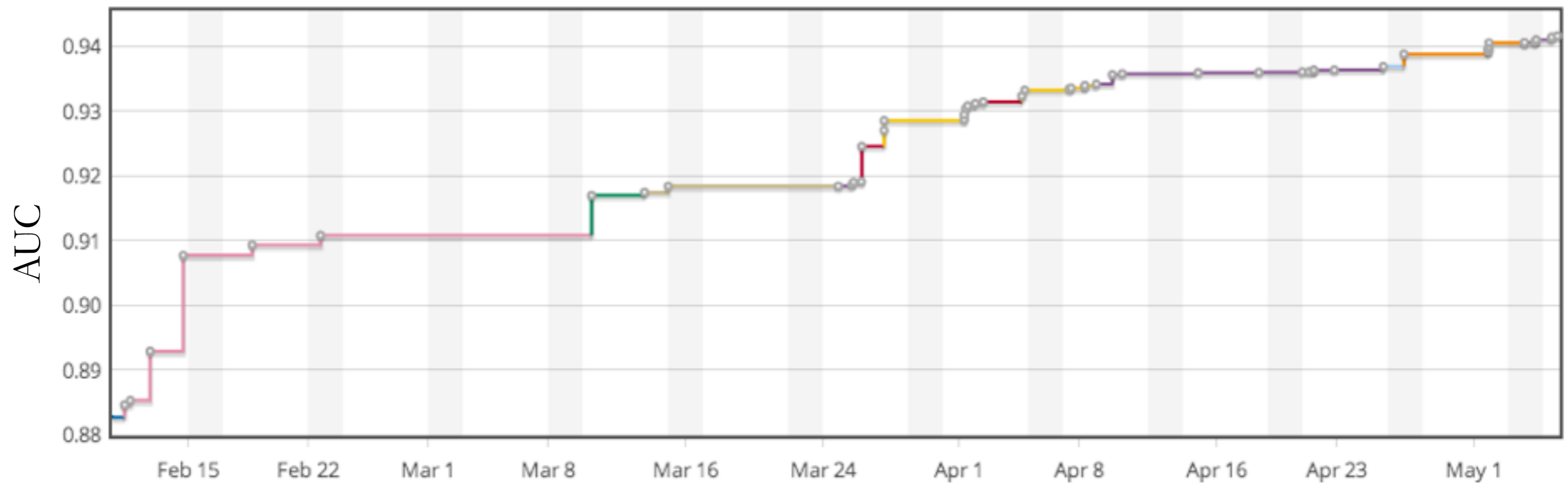
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Dashboard

### Private Leaderboard - CONNECTOMICS



# Rankings

#	Δ1w	Team Name <small>‡ model uploaded * in the money</small>	Score <small>?</small>	Entries	Last Submission UTC (Best – Last Submission)
1	↑6	AAAGV <small>‡ *</small>	0.94161	145	Mon, 05 May 2014 20:50:39
2	↑3	Matthias Ossadnik <small>*</small>	0.94102	71	Mon, 05 May 2014 19:27:34 (-0h)
3	↓2	Ildefons Magrans <small>‡ *</small>	0.94063	21	Sun, 04 May 2014 13:47:26 (-0.3h)
4	↓2	Lukasz 8000	0.93956	101	Mon, 05 May 2014 15:54:48 (-18.1h)
5	↓2	Lejlot & Rafal <small>‡</small>	0.93826	97	Mon, 05 May 2014 15:39:39 (-20.9h)
6	—	Sium	0.93711	28	Mon, 05 May 2014 21:45:26 (-0.2h)
7	↓3	Alexander N & vopern <small>‡</small>	0.93666	7	Sat, 03 May 2014 23:46:07
8	—	gaucho81	0.93385	43	Sun, 04 May 2014 21:48:37 (-30.2h)
9	↑8	killertom	0.93011	13	Mon, 05 May 2014 12:50:08
10	new	dhanson	0.92885	6	Mon, 05 May 2014 21:02:20
11	↓2	DJMN <small>‡</small>	0.92609	20	Mon, 05 May 2014 19:44:13
12	↓2	Gideon & Alex <small>‡</small>	0.92420	48	Mon, 05 May 2014 16:16:57 (-19.7h)
13	↓1	Sandro	0.92039	18	Mon, 05 May 2014 23:15:48 (-8.7h)
14	↑5	Selfish Gene	0.92039	20	Sun, 04 May 2014 16:38:44
15	↑7	Nitai Dean	0.91945	3	Mon, 05 May 2014 12:43:11

# Post-challenge

## **Analysis of methods used by the participants:**

Deep convolutional neural networks

State selection

Multivariate logistic regression of inferred spike trains

Inverse covariance matrix

Random forests and gradient boosting machines

Network deconvolution

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## **Checking for robustness of the methods**

**Code from the winning teams will be publicly available with open sources licenses (and all the data associated with the challenge) <http://www.kaggle.com/c/connectomics>**

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